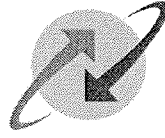


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BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
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No-BSNLCO-CA/30/2022-CA-ERP-FICO/01

Dated-19.04.2023

To,

All Circle Heads

All BSNL Territorial and Non Territorial Circles

Sub: Regarding Furnishing of certificate under para 26(6) for exercising option for higher pension under EPF (For Employees retired before 01.09.2014)

Ref-

1. EPFO Circular No. Pension/2022/54877/15149 dated-29.12.2022 regarding Instructions in compliance of orders contained in PARA 44 (ix) read with Para (v)& (vi) of Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgment dated 04.11.2022 in the matter of Special Leave Petition (C) Nos. 8658-8659 of 2019.
2. This office letter No .BSNLCO-CA/30/2022/CA-ERP-FICO Dated: 30.01.2023

Kindly refer to the letters cited under reference on the exercise of option for higher Pension under EPF Scheme, in this connection, you are requested-

- a. To arrange to ensure timely acceptance of the joint option for higher pension under 11(3) and 11(4) of EPF Pension Scheme, 1995.
- b. To furnish the attached certificate in lieu of joint option under para 26(6) as required by EPFO while filing option for higher pension on EPFO website. For employees who were members of EPFO prior to joining BSNL, the certificate may be provided on the basis of certification / proof from the erstwhile employer(s).

Encl : As above

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**Certificate in compliance of Para 26(6) of the Employees Provident Scheme, 1952 for
contribution to Provident Fund on salary above the statutory wage ceiling.**

(For Employees retired before 01.09.2014)

I.....(Name, PERNR & Designation) S/o/D/o/W/o.....
being the Authorized Signatory of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL),(Full
Address) bearing Establishment PF Code Number do hereby certify that
Shri/Smt/Ms.....(Name, PERNR & Designation)
S/o/D/o/W/o.....UAN..... was an employee of
this establishment and member of EPF w.e.f.....to till.....

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is registered with Employee Provident Fund Organization
(EPFO) with establishment code:_____ and is covered under the jurisdiction of
Regional Provident Fund Commissioner(RPFC).....

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is a regular/un-exempted establishment, in terms of
provisions of The Employees Provident fund Act and pension scheme, rules thereof.

BSNL is a Govt. of India Enterprise and has been depositing the Employee share on actual pay (12%
of Basic and DA) and Employer share on actual pay (12% of Basic and DA) as per terms of Para
26(6) of the EPF Scheme, 1952 along with Administration charges as applicable from time to time
since incorporation of BSNL for all EPF members.

BSNL ex-employees were, therefore, fulfilling criteria stipulated in EPFO circular dated 29.12.2022
and are eligible for exercising option for higher pension.

This certificate is being issued to the employees in lieu of the proof of joint option, under Para 26(6)
of EPF Scheme 1952 (to contribute Provident Fund exceeding the statutory wage ceiling, i.e. Rs.
5,000/6,500/15000), in pursuance of the requirement under EPFO Circular No.
Pension/2022/54877/15149 dated-29.12.2022, in order to enable employees to exercise the
online joint option on EPFO website, under Para 11(3) and 11(4) of EPF Pension Scheme 1995, for
higher EPF Pension.

Sd/-